



PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 26, 2002

For Information Contact Public Affairs
Mike Johns (602) 514-7566

METHAMPHETAMINE DEALER SENTENCED TO 144 MONTHS

PHOENIX, ARIZONA --The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that KIRK SCOTT ALLESON, age 29 of Phoenix, Arizona, was sentenced yesterday before U.S. District Court Judge John M. Roll to 144 months imprisonment, followed by five years of supervised release for his involvement in a methamphetamine distribution conspiracy and possession of approximately three pounds of methamphetamine.

According to the February 14, 2001, indictment, ALLESON and co-defendants, MARK CHARLES ERICKSON and FAWN MICHELLE SURETT, conspired to distribute multiple pound quantities of methamphetamine in the Phoenix and Sierra Vista areas, until being arrested in January, 2001. The indictment also charged ALLESON with Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine based on a January 30, 2001 search of a hotel room occupied by ALLESON which resulted in the discovery of approximately three pounds of methamphetamine.

The other two defendants, ERICKSON and SURETT, await sentencing for their involvement next month.

This case was investigated by the Sierra Vista Office of the Drug Enforcement Administration, with assistance from the Arizona Department of Public Safety Gang Interdiction

(MORE)

Unit. The prosecution was handled by Carin C. Duryée, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

RELEASE NUMBER: 2002-049

#